

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 08-52

ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS

ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES

ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CHANGE TO THE INCOME LIMIT FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (A&D FPL) PROGRAM COUPLES TO BE

USED FROM JANUARY 1, 2009, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009.

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the payment standards for the Supplemental Security Program/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) are increasing effective January 1, 2009, (ACWDL 08-06). State law requires that the A&D FPL program income limits be equal to, or greater than, the SSI/SSP standards. This does not impact A&D FPL individuals because the A&D FPL income standard of \$1,097 exceeds the SSI/SSP payment level of \$907 for 2009 until new Federal Poverty Levels come out. However, the current A&D FPL couples limit of \$1,524 needs to be increased on January 1, 2009, to the 2009 SSI/SSP couple payment standard of \$1,579.

Please note that the income disregard for the A&D FPL individuals remains unchanged at \$230.

If you have other questions regarding our response, please call Mr. Craig Yagi, of my staff, at (916) 552-9522.

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